

*Our Vision: No young person in our community disconnected from learning or socially isolated during their post-primary years.*

## Who are we?

We are a support to parents as they oversee their child's education. Our focus is connection and then education - to facilitate first and foremost a space where young people can connect socially and grow in confidence and wellbeing. <http://www.connect-ed.org.uk/>



We offer young people a nurturing community where they can be tutored at KS3 & GCSE level, connect socially and have fun together. We also offer parents an empathetic listening ear (usually over a coffee) and the support of a community who understands.

## Why do we exist?

Bullying, trauma, unmet needs, and sometimes simply the God given unique personalities and traits of our young people, can lead to long term school attendance difficulties, school deregistration and social isolation.



The numbers of young people struggling with school attendance are sizable. With one reputable UK support group, Not Fine in School, now in excess of 26,000 members. (May 2022)

<https://notfineinschool.co.uk>

*Our Values: ARK – Acceptance, Respect & Kindness*

## How do we do this sustainably?

We believe in a 'three stranded' community solution. Through partnership with individual contributors, businesses and local churches we can continue to offer a growing number of young people a safe space to connect, learn and thrive.



Our volunteers and staff are passionate, nurturing and seek to be a powerful influence for good in the education and empowering of our young people.

<https://www.connect-ed.org.uk/volunteer>



It takes circa £6000 per pupil per year to run our programme of GCSEs and extra curricular activities. This is funded through a hybrid model of individual contributions, grants, fundraising and local business sponsorship.

Support us: <https://www.connect-ed.org.uk/funding>



Churches make excellent spaces to host connect-Ed learning communities. Most already have one or two rooms that are ideal for 'pop up' tutoring and a sports hall for recreation.

*"a three stranded cord is not easily broken"*  
Ecclesiastes 4:12

We'd love to hear from you if you are interested in supporting us in any of the three strands above.

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